

## Transportation Enhancement Projects and the Environmental Clearance Process

All Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects are subject to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) rules and regulations (23 CFR). ADOT acts on behalf of FHWA to ensure all environmental analyses (including biology, cultural resources, and hazardous materials among others) are completed in a timely and efficient manner. Below you will find additional information to assist with your planning on projects that may require additional review for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

### **Key Words to Look for:**

Look for key words and phrases in your application that might indicate possible historic resources including:

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| ✓ History      | ✓ Reconstruct | ✓ Revitalize |
| ✓ Rehabilitate | ✓ Old         | ✓ Preserve   |
| ✓ Restore      | ✓ Downtown    | ✓ Re-use     |

### **Activities of Enhancement Projects Related to Historic Preservation**

If your Enhancement project involves one of the following activities related to surface transportation, your project may require extra review for compliance with NHPA:

- **Activity 4 – Scenic or Historic Highway Programs (Including the Provision of Tourist and Welcome Center Facilities)**
  - ✓ Does the project retain the scenic, historic, cultural, archaeological, recreational, or natural qualities that contribute to the highway's designation as a scenic road or historic highway? Is there an existing Corridor Management Plan for the highway?
- **Activity 5 – Landscaping and Other Scenic Beautification**
  - ✓ Is the project within a Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places? Design plans and related documents may need to be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review and comment. ADOT does this on behalf of FHWA. Design plans are expected to meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68).
- **Activity 6 – Historic Preservation**
  - ✓ If your project's purpose is to rehabilitate/preserve an historic property, for example an historic building, a landscape feature such as a fountain or stone wall, or an historic canal, design plans and related documents would need to be submitted to SHPO for review and comment. ADOT does this on behalf of FHWA. Design plans are expected to meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68).

- **Activity 7 - Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Building, Structure, or Facilities**
  - ✓ In addition to the standard consultation procedures required under Section 106, design plans and related documents for the project will need to be submitted to SHPO for review and comment. ADOT does this on behalf of FHWA. Design plans are expected to meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68).
- **Activity 8 - Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors (Including the Conversion and Use Thereof for Pedestrian or Bicycle Trails)**
  - ✓ Standard consultation procedures required under Section 106 of NHPA may lead to the identification of other archeological and/or historic resources requiring additional review to ensure appropriate actions would be taken to protect them. Design plans are expected to meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68).
- **Activity 10 - Archaeological Planning and Research**
  - ✓ How does this project plan and/or implement archaeological research related to surface transportation routes? You will likely benefit from additional assistance with your National Historic Preservation Act compliance requirements.

### **Note Regarding Self-Administered/Certification Acceptance Projects**

- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance is separate from requirements for plans review and design submittal under these programs. Therefore, if you have been informed that all design plans and associated documents require submittal for review and comment for NHPA compliance (i.e. SHPO review), then all such plans must be submitted to ADOT for this purpose, regardless of the local government's status for project development.

### **Where can I find resources to assist me with Historic Preservation Compliance?**

1. For questions specifically regarding ADOT's requirements for Historic Preservation Compliance:
 

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2. For a listing of qualified Historic Preservation professional, information regarding listing and eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places, as well as information about historic preservation tax credits and Certified Local Governments (CLGs):
 

SHPO Office  
 1300 West Washington Street  
 Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
 602-542-4009  
<http://www.azstateparks.com/partnerships/shpo/shpo.html>

3. For information on historic preservation professions permitted by Arizona State Museum (ASM):  
Arizona State Museum  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona 85721  
<http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/profsvcs/permits/permittees.shtml>
4. For information regarding Historic Preservation Laws and guidelines  
The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
<http://www.achp.gov>
5. The National Park Service's Preservation Service and the Secretary of Interior's Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties:  
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps>  
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/secstan1.htm>  
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/standguide/>